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SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved. Amendment, etc.

SEC. 5. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this act. Commencement and completion.

Approved, July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 161.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and for other purposes. July 13, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and for other purposes, namely: Pensions appropriations.

For Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives; survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve and with Mexico, including allowances under the act of Congress approved June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety, and all arrears of pensions granted by the acts of January twenty-fifth and March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, or by any other existing law, one hundred and forty-four million nine hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *And provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately. And any unexpended balance of the appropriation for the payment of the arrears of pensions granted by the act of Congress approved January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, made by the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby covered into the Treasury. Invalid, etc., pensions. Vol. 26, p. 182. Vol. 20, pp. 265, 469. *Provisos.* Navy pensions. Accounts. Balance for arrears covered in. Vol. 20, pp. 265, 469.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons for services rendered within the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided*, That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made: *Provided further*, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant. Examining surgeons' fees. *Provisos.* Examinations. No fee unless service rendered.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars. Agents' salaries.

For clerk hire, four hundred thousand dollars: *Provided* That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Clerk hire. *Proviso.* Apportionment.

For fuel, seven hundred and fifty dollars. Fuel.

Lights. For lights, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Stationery, etc. For stationery and other necessary expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Rent. For rents, twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved, July 13, 1892.

July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 162.—An act to amend the act approved March first, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, relating to the Hospital Corps of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section six of the act

Hospital Corps, Army. Vol. 24, p. 435. approved March first, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An act to organize the Hospital Corps of the Army of the United States, to define its duty, and fix its pay," be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Pay of privates. "SEC. 6. That the pay of privates of the Hospital Corps shall be eighteen dollars per month, with the increase on account of length of service as is now or may hereafter be allowed by law to other enlisted men. They shall be entitled to the same allowance as a corporal of the arm of service with which they may be on duty."

Approved, July 13, 1892.

July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 163.—An act authorizing the issuing of patents for locations with Certificates granted under the Act of Congress approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty four, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal heirs of Benjamin Metoyer."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United

Benjamin Metoyer. Land patents to heirs of. Vol. 10, p. 824. *States of America in Congress assembled*, That in the case of all locations of land heretofore made, or which hereafter may be made, with certificates issued under the Act of Congress approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty four, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal heirs of Benjamin Metoyer" it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and he is hereby directed, to cause patents to issue to the heirs and legal representatives of Benjamin Metoyer, or their assigns, who have made or may make such locations, after such locations have been approved by said Commissioner as regularly made and in accordance with law: *Provided*, That said locations

Proviso. Not to conflict with prior claims. be not in conflict with prior valid appropriations of land made in conformity with the laws of the United States.

Approved, July 13, 1892.

July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 164.—An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United

Indian Department appropriations. *States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes, namely:

Pay of agents at specified agencies. For pay of fifty-seven agents of Indian affairs at the following named agencies, at the rates respectively indicated, namely:

Proviso. Army officers to be detailed as agents. *Provided*, That from and after the passage of this act the President shall detail officers of the United States Army to act as Indian Agents at all Agencies where vacancies from any cause may hereafter occur,